

Approved as amended by the Board of Selectmen

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 5, 2006**

ATTENDANCE: First Selectwoman Evonne Klein; Linda Santarella;
Barbara Thorne; Susan Young

STAFF: John Crary, Town Administrator

OTHERS: John Wayne Fox, Town Counsel

PUBLIC HEARING ON SHELLFISH PERMIT FEES

(At the conclusion of the Public Hearing the board of selectmen will commence the public meeting)

Ms. Klein called the Public Hearing to order at 7:02 p.m. She asked if anyone from the public had any comments. Mr. Bud Raleigh stated that he had two parts to the new regulations that were troublesome to some people. He said the first was the raising of the resident shellfishing permit fee, and the second was that the new fee charge of \$40.00 for an out of town permit was high and should be more competitive to other town's fees.

There being no further comments, Ms. Klein closed the Public Hearing.

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectwoman Klein called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Joi Reiner Gallo asked if the public would be able to make comments on an item on the agenda. Ms. Klein replied that they would.

FIRST SELECTWOMAN'S REPORT

The First Selectwoman reported that the only matter she needed to address was the summer schedule for the Board of Selectmen meetings. The Board agreed to change the meeting on July 3rd to July 10th. The next Regular Board meetings will be held on July 17th and August 7th. The Board agreed to change the meeting on August 21st to August 28th.

Ms. Klein reported that there will be a Pandemic flu presentation on June 12th and a Health District Committee meeting on June 13th.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Crary reported that during the last three years he has applied for State grants under the STEEP program. He reported that he was pleased to report that the State approved the Town's application and will receive a grant for \$85,000 for the purchase and installation of signage for downtown. He reported that last year they received \$37,000 for Tilly Pond and the year before \$80,000 for the Town's auditorium renovations. Ms. Young stated that she heard that there was more money left in the fund and they should apply for another STEEP grant and use those funds for fixing the roof at the Senior Center. Ms. Santarella asked how long it took to fill out an application. Mr. Crary replied that it takes ½ a day to fill out an application but it then takes six to seven months to hear back from the State.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Discuss and Take Action on filling the vacancy on the Board of Selectmen

Ms. Klein stated that she wanted to address the process of filling a vacancy on the Board of Selectman. She reported that according to Chapter 146 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Board seat shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board of Selectmen within 30 days and if having failed to do so, it shall be filled by the Tax Collector, Treasurer and Town Clerk. She reported that this was a Republican Party seat. She stated that she reviewed this procedure with the Board and the public at the Board of Selectmen's Special Meeting on May 22, 2006. She continued that when Kevin Newman resigned she extended the courtesy to Jack Orchulli, RTC Chair, to recommend candidates for the Board of Selectmen to consider. Ms. Klein said that when filling the position of Selectman, the public should be notified that there is a vacancy and whoever seeks to serve should be interviewed.

Ms. Young stated that this was discussed with Mr. Orchulli and the DTC Chairman, John Davie, and she believed the process was agreed upon that the RTC would advertise, screen and interview candidates as quickly as possible. She stated that the RTC interviewed 12 candidates and has made a recommendation. Ms. Klein stated that she had not spoken to the candidates nor received resumes and felt that this is a Board of Selectmen vote by all four members and the full Board did not have a conversation on this candidate or any other. She stated that on May 22nd she asked that she and Barbara Thorne have a seat at the interview table and that request was denied.

Ms. Santarella stated that it was her understanding that the process was that it was hers and Ms. Young's decision to ask the RTC for their assistance and she made it clear that she would bring the name to the Board. On Thursday when the RTC had a unanimous

vote, she stated that she called Ms. Klein and Mrs. Thorne right away. She continued that she did not know where this was coming from and it was never her understanding that the full Board was going to interview the candidates.

Ms. Santarella then asked Town Counsel for his opinion on whether or not there was a process where the Board of Selectmen could interview candidates. Wayne Fox stated that there were two specific questions: 1) could the Board interview the candidates and 2) if the interviews could be conducted in Executive Session. He referred to the Statute that defines Executive Session and stated that, in his evaluation, this type of interview should be in open session and not in Executive Session. However, he continued that he also discussed this with counsel from the FOI Commission and, in his opinion and the FOI, the Board of Selectmen has the right to interview the candidates and also has the right to conduct the interviews in Executive Session.

Ms. Thorne stated that she is part of the “we” and no one has consulted her or called her. She asked how it was advertised. She reminded the Board of Selectmen that they were elected by the public and have a responsibility to the public. She stated that she would like to talk to the people interested in the position, including the name the RTC recommended. She stated that she was concerned on how the Board was not working together and stated that right now they needed someone who could step in and be a smooth catalyst for moving them forward together.

Ms. Santarella stated that she and Ms. Young realized it was a Board vote and decision and they considered the full Board. She said it was not just about herself and Ms. Young but they were looking to find a candidate that was palatable to all. She asked Ms. Klein when she would like to conduct the interviews. Ms. Klein replied that they had until June 17. Ms. Santarella then asked for a caucus at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Klein called the meeting back to order at 7:37 p.m.

Ms. Young stated that on May 22nd she and Ms. Santarella were asked, believing this was the responsibility of the Republican Town Committee, to find candidates and bring forward the RTC’s findings to herself, Ms. Santarella and the Board. She reported that on Thursday, June 1st, the RTC Committee announced their recommendation and Ms. Klein and Ms. Thorne were called that night. She stated that she believed the process was followed and there was ample time for Ms. Klein and Ms. Thorne to set up interviews and an Executive Session before tonight’s meeting. She stated that Mr. Orchulli was not present this evening because he was out of town, however she would like the Vice Chair of the RTC to speak on the process.

Ms. Klein stated that she and Ms. Thorne did not choose a candidate but did put forward a name for consideration. On 5/22 she received a call from another candidate and she shared that with Board Members. That evening she asked Ms. Santarella to share the names of the candidates and she responded that they were being held in confidentiality.

She stated that on 5/22 she asked Ms. Santarella for Ms. Thorne and herself to have a seat on the table to participate in the interviews. She thought that there would be names for her to consider and that it would be a wonderful opportunity for the Board to work together, however she was disappointed. She stated that this was their first conversation as a complete Board and that it was important for the public to realize that. Ms. Klein stated that she thought about the process thoroughly and would like to do the due diligence for appointed Boards and Commissions and she felt that putting this to the RTC was relinquishing the Board's duties.

Ms. Thorne stated that this is a job she takes seriously and if they want her vote they have to ask her for it and tell her why. She stated that no one has done that and she was not prepared to vote. Ms. Santarella stated that they chose a process and made a commitment to the Town Committee. She added that she took this responsibility and gave it a lot of time and a lot of thought. She asked Ms. Klein why she did not ask about the process during their phone calls today when she told Ms. Klein that both she and Ms. Young were prepared to vote. Ms. Klein stated that she called Ms. Santarella back after she thought about the process and the gaps and she had to look at it objectively. Ms. Thorne commented that when she works with teenagers she asks "what do they want to happen and how do we make it happen?". She said that this was a surprise but she was willing and available to do what they need to do.

Ms. Joi Reiner Gallo, Vice Chair, Republican Town Committee, stated that the RTC was asked to interview, help with the process, and come back with names. She reported that names were brought forward to Ms. Young and Ms. Santarella and that they interviewed 12 highly qualified candidates face to face on 5/30. She stated that on 6/1 a unanimous vote was taken on a candidate and Ms. Klein was advised. She reported that two of the candidates had spoken to Ms. Klein and had her support. Ms. Reiner-Gallo stated that it seemed that everyone was in support of the process. Ms. Klein stated that there was no way she endorsed this process because the Board relinquished their responsibility. She asked why they were denied interviewing the candidates. Ms. Young stated that she did not request it until tonight and she had asked them to hurry the process to vote on 6/5. Ms. Klein stated that she asked that it be put on the agenda for 6/5.

Ms. Klein reiterated that her point was that there wasn't a seat at the table for her and Ms. Thorne. Ms. Santarella asked why this whole thing seemed to change this afternoon and questioned if it was because of the candidate submitted. Mr. Paul Hendrickson stated that he was a candidate and he would be willing to meet with the Board at any time. Ms. Klein stated that they will interview Mr. Hendrickson and that the Board will also open it up to any other candidates interested.

Ms. Young stated that she would like to move forward with the vote on the candidate that the RTC recommended because this was a long and rigorous process and it would be a slap in the face to the RTC. Ms. Santarella stated that she did a lot of soul searching. She noted that there were a lot of fabulous candidates and commended all of them. She

stated that they came up with the right candidate to serve on the Board and that Mr. Hendrickson had been a member of the Board of Finance for eight years and was highly qualified to step into the position. She stated that she was ready to move forward.

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO NOMINATE PAUL HENDRICKSON TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.**

**** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED.**

Ms. Thorne said she wanted to explain her vote because she had not had the opportunity to interview the candidate. She stated that personally she liked the job Mr. Hendrickson had done on the Board of Finance and respects it. She questioned why he needed to leave where he is. She stated that she would vote “No”.

Ms. Klein stated that although she has known Mr. Hendrickson for many years, she does not “know” Paul. She stated that she would like to have the opportunity to interview him and also look at all the finalists. She stated that he has done a very fine job on the Board of Finance and has been the voice of reason. She stated that she will vote “No” because unfortunately the courtesy had not been extended to the full Board and she is deeply disappointed and concerned for the community. She continued that the Board of Selectmen was elected by the community to work on their behalf. She thanked the RTC for their hard work.

**** MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A MAJORITY. TWO VOTED IN FAVOR (MS. YOUNG, MS. SANTARELLA), TWO OPPOSED (MS. KLEIN, MS. THORNE).**

Ms. Santarella stated that this was not fair. Ms. Klein replied that Board business was best conducted in public rather than on the telephone. She stated that by Statute the process concludes on June 17th and it would behoove the Board to keep an open mind. Ms. Klein stated that she would call Mr. Hendrickson tomorrow. She asked the Board if they were available to interview on Thursday, June 8th from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. for ½ hour interviews. The Board agreed. Ms. Flora Smith asked if they were going to advertise. Ms. Klein stated that it would be posted on the website.

b) Update on Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable Housing by Charlotte Suhler

Charlotte Suhler, Chair, reported that the Committee had a new member, Caroline Murray who brings a wealth of information on affordable housing to the Committee. She stated that other Committee members present were Tony Murray and Barbara Thorne. She stated that the charge of the Committee was to study the housing processes in neighboring towns and formulate their findings. She stated that each Committee member was given a surrounding town to see what affordable housing was available and their future plans. She stated that this was an ongoing project. Ms. Suhler also reported that

the Committee plans on doing a Town survey of residents, Town employees, teachers, police officers and non-resident employees who work in Darien and it was important that the wording in the survey be objective. She stated that she hoped to have the survey results completed in the fall of 2006. She noted that the Committee's next meeting will be on Thursday. Ms. Klein thanked the Committee for all their hard work.

c) Update on Allen-O'Neill Housing Plans by Anne Lynn

Anne Lynn, Chairman of the Housing Commission, expressed her gratitude for the Board approving the pre-development funds of \$39,750. She stated that to date \$2,094 had been spent for advertising and an RFQ for a consultant. She reported that they have advertised all around the State to identify an appropriate consultant because it was a highly specialized field and there were not a lot of them. She reported that six resumes were received and they will interview three of them next week and that between now and July 1st they will negotiate and sign a contract with a consultant.

Ms. Lynn reported that the Allen-O'Neill residents have attended every Commission meeting since March and she appreciated their response and their thinking. She stated that they have a clearer understanding of why they are looking at this. She reported that the Commission will be putting a Committee together and will then begin an assessment of the property.

d) Presentation on the addition of lights to the DHS Stadium by Rusty Shriner

Mr. Shriner reviewed the highlights of the lighting proposal for DHS Stadium. He stated that this was not the first time this issue was examined. He reported that three years ago the field shortage problem was alleviated by constructing two synthetic turf fields at the high school which can be utilized year round. The next step in making more field time available is to extend the hours in which the turf field can be utilized by adding lights. He reported that the main beneficiaries will be the local youth sports groups. Mr. Shriner then gave a description of the lights and reported that the nearest neighbor was 525 feet away, but most were 1000 feet away. He reported that the recommendation is to operate from mid-March through mid-June and then from Labor Day through Thanksgiving. The lights will be turned off Monday-Thursday at 10:00 p.m., Friday/Saturday at 11:00 p.m., and Sunday at 9:00 p.m. There will be a limit on high school night games of 16. He stated that because of noise concerns, the bands will stop playing at 9:30 p.m. Mr. John Boulton, Board of Education representative, stated that this was under the control of the school system. Mr. Shriner reported that this will be paid for by a public/private partnership. He stated that he was looking for the support of the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Education, and the neighbors.

Ms. Klein thanked Mr. Shriner and said this was not scheduled for a Board vote. Ms. Santarella asked if the Police Department had parking plans and that she was interested to know what they were. Ms. Thorne said she was excited and they had her support

providing that they go through their due diligence, particularly with the neighbors. Mr. John Boulton stated that he talked to the Board of Education members and it was important that the Board of Selectmen work together with them to get this accomplished, but the most important thing was the need to accommodate the neighbors. Ms. Klein stated that she was confident that they would work together. Mr. John Denchee asked if the lighting document was provided to the neighbors. He asked that the Board of Selectmen think seriously about this request because of the noise factor and because it is a residential neighborhood. He stated that it was inconsistent with the Town Plan. He asked that the Board look at other land, including Woodland Park. Cheryl Russell, 18 Holly Lane, stated that she was not notified of this and asked when they were going to hold a public hearing. Ms. Santarella replied that this was a special permit and that P&Z would hold the public hearing.

e) Report on POD Exercise on 4/30 by Emergency Management Director Marc McEwan

Marc McEwan, Emergency Management Director and Deputy Fire Marshall, reported that POD means the point of distribution for medication. He stated that the drill was a culmination of efforts that began in 2004 and that 7 Darien residents and 3 part time Health District employees attended the exercise. He explained that Darien shares a point of distribution with Stamford because Stamford has a full time Health District.

f) Discuss and Take Action on Long Term Parking Plan for Grove St. Parking Lot

Ms. Klein recused herself from the discussion. Ms. Thorne reviewed the history of the Grove Street parking lot. She stated that discussions were held in August 2004 and the decision was made to go to 3 hour parking. The decision to postpone implementation was made in March 2005. She stated that at present the same needs persist impacted by increased development and they anticipate more growth. She explained that they need a balanced approach which takes into account the needs of shoppers, merchants, commuters and others who ride the train. Ms. Thorne reported that people have expressed concern and the Board was not in a position to vote because this still needed to be discussed. Mr. Macdonald Budd stated that he was delighted that the Board communicated with the commuters to give them a choice. He stated that the Board had a responsibility to the community at large.

Ms. Young stated that they cannot penalize the Town's commuters. She commented that the commuters pay a lot of money to commute and pay a lot of taxes. She reported that she went to the Grove Street lot and found that there were 47 open spaces at 7:40 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. and there were also 22 three hour spaces available in the Grove Street lot. She stated that at 3:15 p.m. the lot was half empty. Ms. Young reported that she did not feel that they did their due diligence and asked how many passes were issued for the Grove Street lot and how many people were on the waiting list. She said that they do not have to phase out Grove Street.

Mr. Paul Krugge, a commuter, explained that with the increase in gasoline costs the volume of people taking the train has gone up. He asked why they were making a change and that it was just not right. He suggested that the spaces should be open to everyone. Mr. Jim Cameron stated that the parking rates needed to be higher because a lot of people hold onto their permits and won't give them up.

Ms. Thorne stated that they were choosing not to act on this tonight. Ms. Santarella added that this meeting was to have a discussion to consider the parking and they were not going to do this right away. Mr. John Bose, President of Darien-Rowayton Bank, stated that he did a survey of municipal lots and found that there was more than enough parking, even at peak times. He said that there was not a parking problem in Town, but a perception problem.

Ms. Thorne stated that they were attempting to do things carefully with thought. Mr. David Genovese stated that it was an amorphous situation and there was a lot going on downtown. He said he counted 30 vacant spaces out of 55 at noon. Mr. Walter Simon stated that part of the problem was that it was not effectively run. Mr. Scott Harrison stated that the Board has to recognize and protect commuters and noted that the railroad was a goal mine. He reported that voucher spaces were taken by New Canaan commuters. Ms. Lynn Hamlin stated that the Board of Selectmen should come up with a real study. Ms. Thorne replied that they have the information available.

It was asked if the Board was going to hold a public hearing on Grove Street parking. Mr. Crary stated that once the Board reaches a conclusion, it will be determined if it is a legal requirement to hold a public hearing and it will then be at the Board's option. He stated that this was not at the point where a vote would occur. Ms. Thorne reported that they would send the commuters a course of action and a timeline. Ms. Santarella added that they would phase it in and they were not ready right now. Mr. Cameron suggested that the commuters put together an email list to be in touch with each other and share information. Ms. Young asked the commuters to come up with a feasible suggestion for open parking. Paul Krugge, a commuter, suggested that they open up parking after 10:00 a.m.

g) Discuss and Take Action on Accepting the Following Gifts:

- 1. Two Tactical Armor Vests, estimated value of \$6,000 by Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Noujaim, 61 Andrews Drive**

**** MS. THORNE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE GIFT OF TWO TACTICAL ARMOR VESTS, ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$6,000, BY MR. AND MRS. ALEXANDER NOUJAIM, 61 ANDREWS DRIVE.**

**** MS. YOUNG SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 2. \$49,500 by Park Pals of Darien, Inc. for future improvements and renovations to the play area at Cherry Lawn and the construction of the comfort station**

**** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE GIFT BY PARKS PALS OF DARIEN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,500 FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND RENOVATIONS TO THE PLAY AREA AT CHERRY LAWN AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMFORT STATION.**

**** MS. THORNE SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 3. Material and Labor to install lighting at the Veterans memorial circle at Town Hall by Darien Electrical Contracting and Fairfield Lighting, estimated value of \$3,500**

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO ACCEPT THE GIFT OF MATERIAL AND LABOR TO INSTALL LIGHTING AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL CIRCLE AT TOWN HALL BY DARIEN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING AND FAIRFIELD LIGHTING, ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$3,500.**

**** MS. THORNE SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 4. Material and Funds to install a fence at the Community Gardens at Cherry Lawn, \$2,500 by the Community Gardeners and materials with a value of \$6,000 by Rings End Lumber**

**** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE GIFT OF MATERIAL AND FUNDS TO INSTALL A FENCE AT THE COMMUNITY GARDENS AT CHERRY LAWN, \$2,500 BY THE COMMUNITY GARDENERS AND MATERIALS WITH A VALUE OF \$6,000 - \$7,000 BY RINGS END LUMBER.**

**** MS. THORNE SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 5. \$500 by Karen and Frank Kemp, 2 Tanglewood Trail for the Darien Fire Department**

**** MS. THORNE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE GIFT OF \$500 BY KAREN AND FRANK KEMP FOR THE DARIEN FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

**** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED.**

**** MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

h) Transfers:

1. Planning and Zoning Department

Transfer from assorted accounts to EPC Clerical. This transfer will allow the Department to have a court stenographer prepare the transcripts of the EPC public hearings held on the referral for the Nearwater Manor project, as well as the general meetings where the EPC deliberated and decided the matter. Our office is in the process of preparing the Court-ordered return of record by mid-June. There is a State requirement under Section 8-8 of the Connecticut General Statutes to include all of the transcripts in the return of record.

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance:

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
10201011-82002	Conferences & Meetings	\$202	10204011 – 82004	EPC Clerical	\$1,800
10201011-82001	Travel	\$150			
10201011-82042	Office Equipment				
10201011-82042	Repair & Maint.	\$120			
10201011-82071	Recording/Filing Fees	\$280			
10201011-83002	Informational				
10201011-83002	Material	\$250			
10201011-83004	Motor Fuel & Lubricants	\$262			
10203011-82004	ZBA Clerical	\$250			
10204011-82003	EPC Training	\$285			
	TOTAL	1,800		TOTAL	\$1,800

Mr. Crary explained that the EPC now requires a court stenographer to prepare the transcripts at EPC public hearings and general meetings at an increased cost.

**** MS. THORNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER FOR REFERRAL TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE:**

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
10201011-82002	Conferences & Meetings	\$202	10204011 – 82004	EPC Clerical	\$1,800
10201011-82001	Travel	\$150			
10201011-82042	Office Equipment				
10201011-82042	Repair & Maint.	\$120			
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10203011-82004	ZBA Clerical	\$250			
10204011-82003	EPC Training	\$285			
	TOTAL	1,800		TOTAL	\$1,800

**** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED.**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Police Department

- Several labor intensive and ongoing investigations have brought the Detective Bureau overtime account to near depletion. The requested transfer of \$2,000 will hopefully be sufficient to sustain the account through the balance of the fiscal year. Acct. 10302223 81004.
- The Station Maintenance overtime account is \$1,233 in deficit due to the need to bring a DPW employee in on overtime to cover, on a part-time basis, a vacancy created by consecutive weeks of vacation by the Police Department's sole custodian. Acct. 10302323 81004.
- The Records-Part time salary account will need a transfer of \$333 to cover salary paid to the employee for extra hours worked to cover necessary work not done due to the extended illness of another full-time Records employee. Acct. 10302243 81002.

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
10302223 81001	Invest. & Ident.- Full Time	3,566	10302223 81004	Det. Bur.-Overtime	2,000
			10302323 81004	Sta. Maint.-Overtime	1,233
			10302243 81002	Records-Part-Time Sal	333
	TOTAL	3,566		TOTAL	3,566

Mr. Crary reported that most of the transfer was due to overtime in the Detective Bureau.

**** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE:**

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Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
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- * **MS. YOUNG SECONDED.**
- ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Police Department

- The current collective bargaining agreement provides for reimbursement of tuition and other expenses for approved college level course(s) of study. The account for the current fiscal year is underfunded. Two outstanding reimbursements are due totaling \$6,626.95. The account is presently exhausted. Acct. 10302273 82005.
- The Admin Salary account will be short \$934.11 due to the step increase given to Capt. Pavia as provided per the agreement detailed prior to his promotion. The step was given on the one-year anniversary of his promotion in May. Acct. 10302213 81001.
- The high price of fuel will leave the Marine Division fuel account short of anticipated need. A transfer of \$400 should be sufficient to fund the account through the balance of the fiscal year. Acct. 10302263 83004.
- The Patrol Overtime account is into deficit due to staffing vacancies necessitating required coverage at overtime wages. The requested \$25,000 will bring the account out of deficit and will hopefully be sufficient to carry the account through the remainder of the fiscal year. Acct. 10302233 81004.

There currently exists in the Patrol-Full Time Salary account a surplus due to staffing vacancies. The requested transfers will leave a balance sufficient to meet obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
10302233 81001	Patrol-FT Wages	32,962	10302273 82005	Tuition	6,627
			10302213 81001	Admin.-Salary	935
			10302263 83004	Marine-Fuel	400
			10302233 81004	Patrol-Overtime	25,000
	TOTAL	32,962		TOTAL	32,962

Mr. Crary explained that the transfer was due to tuition reimbursement, fuel for the Marine Division, and Patrol Overtime.

- ** **MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE:**

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**** MS. THORNE SECONDED**
**** MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Public Works Department

The Department responded to snow and ice removal situations 11 times involving overtime pay. Although not as severe as some recent winters, this past winter featured several protracted storms that occurred over weekends and holiday periods. Extended hours of operation dealing with snow and ice translate to heavy overtime expenses, more fuel consumed, additional equipment repairs and more use of salt.

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

From:**To:**

Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
10407011-81001	F.T Salaries	12,785	10402144-83021	Ice Control Materials	5,466
10402144-82051	Electricity	15,000	10402144-81004	Overtime	25,000
10401011-82050	Telecomm	1,000	10407011-81004	Overtime	\$1,000
10402144-81001	FT Salaries	2,606			
10401011-82007	Prof Services	75			
		31,466			31,466

Escalating energy prices have caused deficits in heating fuel budgets. A total of \$7,807 is required .

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
10407011-81000	F.T Salaries	1,104	10407011-83005	Heating Fuel	1,104
10407011-81000	F.T Salaries	6,703	10402144-83005	Heating Fuel	6,703
10407011-81000	F.T Salaries	880	10407011-82054	Sewer Use	880
		8,687			8,687

Lastly, there are three minor overruns in the Solid Waste area that require transfers

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
24545154-82041	Facility Rep & Maint	\$1,700	24545154-81004	O.T.	\$1,700
24545154-82041	Facility Rep & Maint	\$500	24545154-83012	Public Info. Materials	\$500
24545154-82041	Facility Rep & Maint	\$372	24545184-83007	Operating Supplies	\$372
		\$2,572			\$2,572

**** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE:**

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
10407011-81001	F.T Salaries	12,785	10402144-83021	Ice Control Materials	5,466
10402144-82051	Electricity	15,000	10402144-81004	Overtime	25,000
10401011-82050	Telecomm	1,000	10407011-81004	Overtime	\$1,000
10402144-81001	FT Salaries	2,606			
10401011-82007	Prof Services	75			
		31,466			31,466

From:**To:**

Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
10407011-81000	F.T Salaries	1,104	10407011-83005	Heating Fuel	1,104
10407011-81000	F.T Salaries	6,703	10402144-83005	Heating Fuel	6,703
10407011-81000	F.T Salaries	880	10407011-82054	Sewer Use	880
		8,687			8,687

From:**To:**

Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
24545154-82041	Facility Rep & Maint	\$1,700	24545154-81004	O.T.	\$1,700
24545154-82041	Facility Rep & Maint	\$500	24545154-83012	Public Info. Materials	\$500
24545154-82041	Facility Rep & Maint	\$372	24545184-83007	Operating Supplies	\$372
		\$2,572			\$2,572

** MS. THORNE SECONDED.
 ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Public Works Department

Contingency Fund transfer

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

From:**To:**

Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
10704000-86600	Contingency Fund	\$10,000	10402144-8/2036	Tree Maintenance	\$10,000
	TOTAL	\$10,000		TOTAL	\$10,000

Mr. Crary explained that the transfer from the contingency fund was due to tree maintenance.

**** MS. THORNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE:**

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
10704000-86600	Contingency Fund	\$10,000	10402144-8/2036	Tree Maintenance	\$10,000
	TOTAL	\$10,000		TOTAL	\$10,000

**** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED.**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Public Works Department

Additional temporary clerical position necessary in order to provide adequate counter service during peak dump sticker renewal period.

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
10401011-82007	Professional services	\$1800	10401011-81003	Seasonal & Temporary Salary	\$1800
	TOTAL	\$1800		TOTAL	\$1800

Mr. Crary explained that the transfer was due to a temporary clerical position.

**** MS. THORNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE:**

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
10401011-82007	Professional services	\$1800	10401011-81003	Seasonal & Temporary Salary	\$1800
	TOTAL	\$1800		TOTAL	\$1800

**** MS. YOUNG SECONDED.**
**** MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. Parks and Recreation

The Town is supplementing a gift for the installation of a fence around the community gardens at Cherry Lawn. This transfer funds the town's share of the cost.

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
30775004-910015	Casey Field Enlargement	3,965.83	30775004-906807-37003	CL Comm Garden Fence	3,965.83
	TOTAL	3,965.83		TOTAL	3,965.83

**** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE:**

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
30775004-910015	Casey Field Enlargement	3,965.83	30775004-906807-37003	CL Comm Garden Fence	3,965.83
	TOTAL	3,965.83		TOTAL	3,965.83

**** MS. THORNE SECONDED.**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Consider and take action on the following reappointments:

- a) Jennifer Robinson to the Board of Directors of SWRCC (Southwestern Regional Communication Center) commonly referred to as C-MED (Central Medical Emergency Dispatch) for the term beginning on May 1, 2006 and ending on April 30, 2007.

**** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO REAPPOINT JENNIFER ROBINSON TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SWRCC (SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL COMMUNICATION CENTER) COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS C-MED (CENTRAL MEDICAL EMERGENCY DISPATCH) FOR THE TERM BEGINNING ON MAY 1, 2006 AND ENDING ON APRIL 30,**

- 2007.**
**** MS. THORNE SECONDED.**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Santarella asked that they vote on Acting First Selectman for the next six months. She also asked when they would see the Weed Beach Master Plan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Regular Meeting of May 1, 2006

The following change was made to the minutes:

Pg. 2: Third paragraph: First Sentence: Change to Chief Lovello.

- ** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 1, 2006 AS AMENDED.**
**** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED.**
**** MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Special Meeting of May 9, 2006

The following changes were made to the minutes:

Pg. 3: Second paragraph: Second sentence: Ms. Young stated that they should improve the slide presentation showing what the services are.

Pg. 3: Last paragraph: Second sentence: She stated that when she asked for the numbers each time the numbers changed.

- ** MS YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 9, 2006 AS AMENDED.**
**** MS. THORNE SECONDED.**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Regular Meeting of May 15, 2006

The following changes were made to the minutes:

Pg. 3: First paragraph: Second sentence: change to: She continued quoting from the memo ...

Pg. 3: First sentence: Add: and that this was considered by a previous Board.

Pg. 13: J. Change to Janet Sargent (R).

- ** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 15, 2006 AS AMENDED.**
- ** MS. YOUNG SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Special Meeting of May 22, 2006

The following changes were made to the minutes:

Pg. 1: Public Comment: First sentence: Change Senior Center Task Force to Republican Club.

- ** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 22, 2006 AS AMENDED.**
- ** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED WITH THREE IN FAVOR. MS. THORNE ABSTAINED.**

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

June 6, 2006	Board of Finance Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m. (Sugar Bowl)
June 6, 2006	Planning & Zoning Planning Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
June 12, 2006	RTM Special Meeting at 8:15 p.m.
June 13, 2006	Meeting of the Health District Planning Committee at 7 p.m. (Rm. 119)
June 13, 2006	Planning & Zoning General Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
June 13, 2006	Board of Education Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
June 5, 2006	Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:00 p.m.
June 19, 2006	Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:00 p.m.
July 3, 2006	Joint Town Dept. Heads Meeting at 4:30 p.m.
July 3, 2006	Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting at completion of Dept. Heads Mtg. * <u>changed to July 10</u>

OTHER BUSINESS

(A two-thirds majority vote is required to add an item to the agenda)

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE

- ** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE AT 10:50 PM.**
- ** MS. YOUNG SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna DeVito
Telesco Secretarial Services